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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FUEL HANDLERS' STRIKE AT CDG

AIRPORT

1. FUEL HANDLERS AT CHARLES DE GAULLE

(CDG) AIRPORT HAVE GONE ON STRIKE, WHICH HAS CAUSED SOME DISTURBANCES IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS OPERATING TO AND FROM THAT AIRPORT. UNLIKE AT ORLY AND LE BOURGET AIRPORTS WHERE REFUELING IS DONE DIRECTLY BY PETROLEUM COMPANIES WITH WHICH CARRIER HAS CONTRACT AT CDG AIRPORT PETROLEUM COMPANIES HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO FORM SINGLE COMPANY TO REFUEL AIRCRAFT OF ALL CARRIERS.

PETROLEUM COMPANY EMPLOYEES, WHO UNTIL NOW HAVE BEEN DETAILED TO THE NEW SINGLE COMPANY, ARE STRIKING IN PROTEST OF PLANNED MOVE TO CHANGE THEIR STATUS AND MAKE THEM FULL-FLEDGED EMPLOYEES OF NEW COMPANY. PETROLEUM COMPANY EMPLOYEES AT ORLY AND LE BOURGET HAVE INDICATED THAT OUT OF SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKERS THEY WILL NOT REFUEL ANY AIRCRAFT DIVERTED TO ABOVE AIRPORTS FROM CDG.

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2. PANAM AND TWA INCOMING FLIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED

WITH ENOUGH FUEL TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE IT TO LONDON FOR REFUELING ON WESTBOUND FLIGHTS AND TWA HAS BEEN ABLE TO HOLD OFF REFUELING UNTIL GENEVA OR ROME ON ITS EASTBOUND FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, LONDON STOP IN PARTICULAR ON WHAT IS NORMALLY NON-STOPOVER PARIS-US SERVICE BY BOTH US CARRIERS SADDLES THEM WITH INCREASED COSTS AS WELL AS DISRUPTIONS IN SCHEDULING.

3. US CARRIERS TELL US THAT AIR CANADA 747 IS STRANDED AT CDG THROUGH LACK OF FUEL AND SEVERAL UTA FLIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN GROUNDED.

4. STRIKERS SAY WORK STOPPAGE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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